

## Message Text

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ACTION FBO-01

INFO OCT-01 EA-07 ISO-00 OC-06 CCO-00 SY-10 /025 W

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R 290556Z NOV 73

FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2080

UNCLAS CANBERRA 6479

FOR: A/FBO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ABLD, AS

SUBJ: MODIFICATIONS TO C&R UNIT, EOB 01307

REF: STATE 231660

1. VIEW LOCATION PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS, OCCUPANTS EXTREMELY RELUCTANT ALLOW ACCESS NUMBER OF CONTRACTORS REQUIRED OBTAIN FULL COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUESTED. AS ALTERNATIVES, SUGGEST INITIAL ALLOTMENT \$1,000.00 TO ALLOW FOR PROPER COMMERCIAL A&E SURVEY BY MOIR ARCHITECTURAL FIRM, USED OFTEN IN PAST TO ACCOMPLISH SIMILAR SURVEYS.

2. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR ADVISES: "ROBINS' ESTIMATE IS IN AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS, AS WOULD BE CASE WITH ANY OTHER BIDS. CHANGES IN THE STRENGTH OF THE U.S. DOLLAR WOULD HAVE NO EFFECT ON THE AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR BIDS WHICH REFLECT INTERNAL AUSTRALIAN PRICES AND LABOUR RATES. QUITE ASIDE FROM THIS, THE AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR IS PEGGED DIRECTLY TO THE U.S. DOLLAR. FOR THIS REASON THE RELATION BETWEEN THE AUSTRALIAN AND U.S. DOLLAR IS CONSTANT AND MOVEMENTS OF THE U.S. DOLLAR AGAINST OTHER FOREIGN CURRENCIES ARE IRRELEVANT."

3. IT SHOULD BE NOTED FOR RECORD THAT OVERALL CONSTRUCTION COST INCREASE OF EIGHT PERCENT TOOK PLACE BETWEEN JUNE AND OCTOBER. ADDITIONAL INCREASES EXPECTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.

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APPROPRIATE SECURITY CLEARANCES BASED THEIR UTILIZATION OTHER  
MINOR GOB RENOVATIONS.  
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